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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were irregular, but mostly unchanged. Trade sentiment was generally steady. Retail demand was slow to instances moderate, but best movement was noted for food service into restaurants and fast food channels. Supplies were balanced to fully sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, all items were at least adequate except wings which were heavily supplied and thighs and thigh meat which were short. Trading was light to good. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were in a full range, but mostly desirable.

**Final report** of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 4/03-04/08/00 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	WTD	LOADS	WTD	LOADS
		AVG		AVG	
Bos/New Eng	50.00-51.00	50.62	17	60.67	61
Chicago	42.00-45.00	45.49	46	48.32	79
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—	—	53.83	30
Cleveland	TFEWR	—	—	58.63	13
Denver	61.50	61.43	17	61.29	37
Detroit	43.00-46.00	45.47	16	50.46	46
Los Angeles	62.00	61.13	61	59.92	125
New York	48.00-51.00	49.42	43	52.97	76
Philadelphia	48.00-51.00	48.40	15	48.78	33
Pittsburgh	44.50-51.00	47.88	17	52.49	65
St. Louis	45.50-45.75	45.22	19	48.45	44
San Francisco	62.50	62.08	30	62.28	90

### Composite 12 City Weighted Average

Loads	04/03/00	Change/Last Wk	03/27/00	04/05/99
699	54.35	-0.40	54.75	53.62

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delv'd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	Majority	Wtd Avg	Loads
East	49.00-54.00	51.62	41
Central	48.00-52.00	51.67	58
West	49.00-64.50	58.60	56

### Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	55.50-57.50	56.87	85
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**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 57.25 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG
		FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,122	42.00-59.25	56.20

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice pack parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
BREASTS - B/S	141.50	4,024
BREASTS - WHOLE	72.50	2,010
THIGH MEAT - B/S	85.00	616
LEG QUARTERS	19.00	8,625
WINGS	56.00	2,927

THIS INFORMATION IS SUPPLIED BY THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S POULTRY MARKET NEWS SERVICE.

**NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light to fair as the week began. Offerings were mixed and ranged about adequate to ample. On the whole, supplies were usually able to handle current trade requirements with little difficulty. Movement into retail and distributive outlets was slow to moderate. The market tone was generally steady. In the parts market, wings continued ample and were in the most available position. All other items were adequate to fully adequate.

**SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand was quiet to fair with light trading. Supplies were generally adequate to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, all items were at least sufficient with thighs and thigh meat in the closest position. Trading was light to moderate, best where numerous retail features were present. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trade sentiment was generally steady. Final majorities on whole birds at mainly unchanged prices; WOGs ranged unchanged to lower. Offerings adequate overall. Demand by stores was moderate to fairly good where featured, restaurants fairly good best for parts. Dealers reported moderate weekend carry-overs. Boneless thigh meat in close balance and confidently held, balance of parts generally adequate and mostly steady. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG average was down 1.71 to 50.43 with the volume reported at 24 loads down 4 percent.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Final majority prices for this week's deliveries were unchanged in all areas from last Monday's final. Whole fryer trade sentiment was about steady. Offerings limited on whole fryers and adequate on WOGs for the light buyer interest. Demand into all channels was mixed, light to fairly good, best into restaurants and fast food accounts. Floor stocks were well cleared, weights desirable. Parts trading was slow to instances fair with thighs, drums and bone-in breasts the best call. Supplies at least adequate on all items except thighs were barely adequate to short. Trade sentiment was steady to firm on thighs, balance steady to barely steady.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYER MARKET** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair to moderate and best where retail ads stimulated activity. Offerings continued to vary by both size and volume from plant to plant, but were fully sufficient. Live supplies were at least moderate; weights were in a full range of light to heavy. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 51 to 63 cents. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. In the parts complex, thighs remained in close balance. Wings were in heavy supply. Other cuts were generally noted as adequate to fully adequate.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM

DELMARVA	BRANDED U.S. GRADE A
RANGE	50-63
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	54.51
NO. OF BOXES	9,694

\*6 of 8 plants reporting

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** Trucklot buying activity was generally quiet even as the week and the first of the month began. Wings were fully adequate to ample and in the longest position. All other offerings were adequate to fully adequate. Retail and distributive movement was light to moderate. Few features were noted; seafood and beef specials continued to occupy the bulk of ad space. The market tone was about steady.

PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES.

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	130-135	137.31	563,720
TENDERLOINS	125-130	131.60	86,880
BREAST - WITH RIBS	63-64	73.00	177,200
BREAST - LINE RUN	63	68.54	127,680
LEGS	26-27	31.08	153,920
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17-18	17.94	338,080
DRUMSTICKS	34-35	33.60	130,190
THIGHS	27-28	32.36	66,570
B/S THIGHS	80-81	84.17	36,280
WINGS (WHOLE)	48-49	58.66	161,360
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.89	58,840
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	34.10	33,200
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	44.58	61,400

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

\* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

#### ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED OR CO2 PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,083	118.00-138.00	125-130	128.29
TENDERLOINS	181	135.00-195.00	-	165.19
BREAST - WITH RIBS	NO TRADING REPORTED -			-
FRONT HALVES	764	53.00-73.00	54-57	57.54
LEGS	NO TRADING REPORTED -			-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	533	14.00-18.00	15	15.01
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	2,396	16.00-18.00	16-17	16.59
WINGS (WHOLE)	120	31.00-49.00	-	41.00
DRUMSTICKS	NO TRADING REPORTED -			-
THIGHS	881	23.00-38.00	25-28	25.83

#### ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	04/03	03/30	03/30	03/27	03/23
ALA	3,905	3,671	5.10	3,872	4.98
ARK	5,236	5,051	4.78	5,166	4.79
DELMARVA	2,320	2,327	4.99	2,339	4.94
KY-LA-TN	1,951	1,982	4.28	2,020	4.29
MISS	2,754	2,750	5.10	2,692	5.14
NC	2,586	2,518	5.71	2,580	5.76
TEXAS	2,256	2,289	4.73	2,200	4.70
TOTAL	21,008	20,588	4.96	20,869	4.95
MON	21,008(A)			20,869(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 03-Apr 2000 is estimated to be 31,430,000 up 0.36 percent from a week ago and up 18.90 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,316,000, last year 26,435,000)

**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS** F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED OR CO2 PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	703	123.00-185.00	125-135	131.96
TENDERLOINS	256	125.00-200.00	-	165.63
BREAST - LINE RUN	154	65.00-69.00	65-67	67.96
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	46	28.00-33.00	28-29	28.65
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	392	14.00-17.00	14-15	14.86
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,076	17.00-20.00	18-19	18.44
WINGS (WHOLE)	121	48.00-52.00	48-49	50.68
WINGS (CUT)	474	47.00-75.00	61-63	62.09
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS  
TRADING FOR APRIL 03, 2000 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
39.50 - 43.00	40.93	39.68

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

**MIDWEST REGION PARTS** PRICES PER LB., ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 04/03-04/07/00

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	115.00 - 150.00	130.00 - 135.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	63.00 - 76.00	65.00 - 68.00
LEGS	28.00 - 40.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	14.00 - 21.00	16.00 - 18.00
DRUMSTICKS	25.00 - 45.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	35.00 - 56.00	49.00 - 51.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	15.00 - 20.00	-
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	25.00 - 39.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35.00 - 48.00	-

#### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	75-89
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	78-95
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	84-93
FROZEN DUCKS	135
FROZEN SQUABS	589
<b>DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)</b>	
FRESH FRYERS	76-80
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	79
DUCKS	125
RABBITS-WHOLE	299
RABBITS-CUT UP	309

#### SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

##### DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK	104-108
	ICE PACK	92-96
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	104-107
	DRY PACK	112
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK	95
	ICE PACK	91
DUCKS		149-166

**EASTERN REGION** PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. 31-MAR-00

**CHICKEN PRICES**

-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
FAT	FOB DELIVERED	FOB DELIVERED	
CONTENT	DOCK	DOCK	
15% OR LESS			
RANGE	16.00-16.50	-	-
WTD AVERAGE	16.19		

320,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

**CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN**

15% OR LESS			
RANGE	15.00	15.00	14.00-16.50
WTD AVERAGE	15.00	15.00	15.39

871,920 pounds, this includes 200,000 pounds for export shipment.

15-20%			
RANGE	14.00-15.00	-	11.00-14.00
WTD AVERAGE	14.43		12.48

1,429,600 pounds, this includes 340,000 pounds for export shipment.

20% OR MORE			
RANGE	-	-	12.75
WTD AVERAGE			12.75

120,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

\* INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN REPORT** Prices were generally unchanged from the past week. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were fair with supplies adequate for needs. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*  
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER  
THE WEEK OF 03-APR-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8-19.5 CENTS/LB	10-12	11.19

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**CENTRAL REGION** PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. 31-MAR-00

**CHICKEN PRICES**

-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
FAT	FOB DELIVERED	FOB DELIVERED	
CONTENT	DOCK	DOCK	
15% OR LESS			
RANGE	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE			

0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

**CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN**

15% OR LESS			
RANGE	-	14.00	11.50-13.00
WTD AVERAGE		14.00	12.08

367,200 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

15-20%			
RANGE	11.00-13.00	14.00-17.00	9.00-13.00
WTD AVERAGE	12.00	14.95	10.82

3,889,201 pounds, this includes 1,264,800 pounds for export shipment.

20% OR MORE			
RANGE	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE			-

0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

\* INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN REPORT** Majority trading was unchanged to slightly lower than a week earlier. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings. Processing schedules were normal. Undertone was steady to about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*  
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER  
THE WEEK OF 03-APR-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-16.5	8.25-11	10.54
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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